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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with <u>strikethrough</u>.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 28 to page 3, line 3, with the following paragraph:

Summary of the Invention

It is accordingly an object of the present invention to provide a characteristic value identification method and an apparatus therefor which can develop models across different physical unit systems to be integrated into an entire model, similar to a product in which individual parts are combined.

Disclosure-of-Invention